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LAKELAND PHYSICIAN SENTENCED FOR HEALTH CARE FRAUD

Tampa, Florida - U.S. District Judge Susan C. Bucklew, today sentenced Dr. Marsha Lynn Hoffman-Vaile to 78 months' imprisonment along with a forfeiture money judgment in the amount of \$705,161.87 and a fine in the amount of \$12,500 for health care fraud, false claims and obstruction of justice charges. Additionally, Judge Bucklew ordered Dr. Hoffman-Vaile to pay restitution in the amount of \$504,068.05 to the victims of the case. Dr. Marsha Lynn Hoffman-Vaile was found guilty on September 13, 2006 of 44 counts of health care fraud, 44 counts of false claims, and one count of obstruction of justice.

According to court documents and evidence presented at trial, Dr. Marsha Lynn Hoffman-Vaile, who practiced dermatology in Lakeland, Florida, defrauded the government for millions of dollars by falsely exaggerating the types of surgical procedures she performed in order to obtain reimbursement from the Medicare Trust Fund.

The case was investigated by the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anthony E. Porcelli and AUSA Rachelle DesVaux Bedke.